

Researcher's Manual:

[or the “ten (research) commandments”]

1. Which table/figure am I working on today (and this week)?
2. Which relevant paper(s) should I read today (and this week)?
3. Compose a sequence of figures/tables that summarizes the 'story' (or the “bottom line”) of the paper.
4. Describe the content of each table/figure, including similarities/differences with respect to the available literature.
5. Write the Methodology (experimental/theoretical) section.
6. Based on #4 above, write a complete version of the R&D section.
7. Finalize the list of references and, based on it, decide on the most appropriate journal for this paper.
8. Write the Introduction.
9. Write the Abstract and the Conclusions.
10. Circulate complete draft among co-authors/colleagues.